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October 13, 2016

David J. Bradley, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

VS.

BENJAMIN JAMES PENA

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MAGISTRATE JUDGE NO. 2:16-MJ-1250

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER OF DETENTION PENDING TRIAL

A detention hearing has been held in accordance with the Bail Reform Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f). The following requires detention of the Defendant pending trial in this case:

- (1) There is a serious risk that the Defendant will not appear; and
- (2) There is a serious risk that the Defendant will endanger the safety of another person or the community.

The evidence against the Defendant meets the probable cause standard. The findings and conclusions contained in the Pretrial Services Report are adopted. The Defendant has serious mental health disorder as well as a serious addiction to illegal drugs. After he was placed in a long-term treatment facility, he was still unable to comply with his court-ordered conditions of release, and his felony probation was revoked. His family does not appear to be willing to support him on bond if he were released. He is a poor bond candidate and a serious risk of flight.

The Defendant is committed to the custody of the United States Marshal or his designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending

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appeal. The Defendant shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity for private consultation with defense counsel. On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility shall deliver the Defendant to the United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding.

ORDERED this 13th day of October, 2016.


B. JANICE ELLINGTON
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE